# EXPOSURE RESPONSE
for biological, chemical, or radiological exposures

## CALL 911 FOR ANY LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY

## 1. PERFORM FIRST AID

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<td>Needlestick, puncture or sharps injury, or animal bite/scratch</td>
<td>Wash thoroughly for 15 minutes with warm water and sudsing soap.</td>
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<td>Eye exposure</td>
<td>Use emergency station to flush eyes for 15 minutes while holding eyes open.</td>
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| Skin exposure                                      | • **Radioactive**: Survey skin and wash until the count rate cannot be reduced further. Stop if skin becomes irritated.  
• **Chemical**: Wash with tepid water for 15 minutes. 
• **Hydrofluoric acid**: Wash for 5 minutes, then apply calcium gluconate gel to skin. 
• **Biological**: Wash with sudsing soap and water for 15 minutes. |
| Inhalation or ingestion                            | • Move out of the contaminated area and seek fresh air. 
• Do not induce vomiting unless instructed to do so. 
• **Radioactive**: Blow nose into clean tissue and survey for contamination. |

## 2. GET MEDICAL HELP

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| For radiological exposure or emergency:           | • Call Radiation Safety at 206-543-0463. 
• Call 911 if office closed. 
• Provide the radionuclide, estimated amount and time since exposure. |
| For chemical exposure or emergency:               | • Call 911 and follow the instructions given. 
• Provide the chemical name, concentration, time since exposure and Safety Data Sheet (SDS). |
| For biological and all other exposures:           | • Call the Employee Health Center at 206-685-1026. 
• Harborview sites call 206-744-3081. 
• If closed, call 911 and follow the instructions given. |
| For all exposures:                                | • Notify your supervisor. 
• Secure the area before leaving. |

## 3. REPORT THE INCIDENT

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| For hospitalization, fatality, or recombinant nucleic acid exposure: | Notify EH&S immediately after performing first aid and getting medical help: 
• Call the EH&S main phone line at 206-543-7262. 
• If closed, call 206-685-UWPD(8973) to reach EH&S staff on call. |
| All incidents and near misses:                    | Submit a report via the UW Online Accident Report (OARS) within 24 hours at [https://oars.ehs.washington.edu](https://oars.ehs.washington.edu). |